TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 6:30pm Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on December 16, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Carol Lane, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Mindy Maynard, Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

- 1. Call to order at 6:35pm.
- 2. Motion to adopt Agenda by Carol & seconded by Betty.
- 3. Motion to approve last month's Meeting Minutes dated 11-18-2021 by Rebecca & seconded by Melissa.
- 4. No public remarks.
- 5. Presentations from 3 Poet Laureate Applicants:
 - <u>Richard Daigle</u>: Richard goes to Canada for 3 months in the summer (June, July, August). He likes to work with young people. He suggests getting 2-4 students to write poetry & present it in public. He was in the military & got into poetry in college. He started writing poetry as a grad student. He is inspired by other poets. He writes in plain language that tells a story or is spiritual.
 - <u>Stan Lindh</u>: Stan started writing poetry at age 53. He got into poetry through his love of music and musical poets such as Bruce Springstein & Bob Dylan. Someone said he was Sympetalous: fused petals forming a corolla shaped like a tube or funnel. Stan uses this as a pseudonym sometimes. He is very expressive & riveting when reading his poetry. He recently got his poetry bound in two handmade books.
 - Robert Claps: Robert has worked with the library & schools. He suggests an adult writing classf for 1 hour for 4 weeks. His book "Castings" is available in old town village, town library and on Amazon. His inspiration is reading & imitating poets he respects.

We ruled out Richard Daigle because he is not available during the summer. We decided on Stan Lindh because of his captivating presence when reading his poetry. Robert Claps was a close second.

- 6. Review of Grant Applications: None yet.
- 7. New Business: None.
- 8. Commission Event Share: None.
- 9. Motion to adjourn from Rebecca & seconded by Melissa.